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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	10/716,943
Filing Date	November 20, 2003
First Named Inventor	Bodo HOMANN
Art Unit	3612
Examiner Name	D. H. Pedder
Attorney Docket Number	028987.52713US

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- ii ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- i ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check including the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature	<i>Richard R. Diefendorf</i>	Date	June 7, 2005
Name (Print/Type)	Richard R. Diefendorf	Registration No.	32,390

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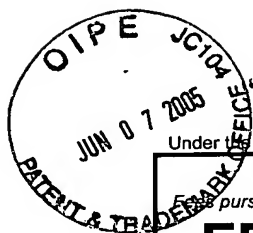
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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2005</b>		Application Number	10/716,943	
		Filing Date	November 20, 2003	
		First Named Inventor	Bodo HOMANN	
		Examiner Name	D. H. Pedder	
		Art Unit	3612	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\$ 990.00)	Attorney Docket No.	028987.52713US

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**

- ☒ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): \_\_\_\_\_
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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>				<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	
26	- 27 or HP =	0	x		=		<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20								
<u>Indep. Claims</u>				<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>		
4	- 3 or HP =	1	x	200	=	200.00		
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3								

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Claims	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
	- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x	=

**4. OTHER SHEET(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: **RCE Fee**

Fee Paid (\$)

790.00

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>			
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